

**Chicago Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners Public Session  
March 25, 2013  
CHA Central Office – 60 E. Van Buren**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	George Blakemore	<p>1) I am a concerned citizen. I live to serve, I don't serve to live, meaning I have no financial interest here. This is Woman's month, black ladies have always supported black men. We need the women. We want to see more black men here also. We want to see more black men working, married and living in CHA, supporting black women.</p> <p>2) What is your strategic plan for your senior facility located on Division at Elms and Clark and Division. I know CHA has a strategic plan for that valuable property, which is the most valuable property in the world. I've seen you dismantle Cabrini, Stateway and Robert Taylor. Black people should know your plan. You should be transparent and let your community know. Some of you black women hoodwink us. I am always advocating for our black people.</p>	<p>1) Your comment has been received.</p> <p>2) To see a complete listing of CHA's future plans for senior, as well as non-senior housing developments, please refer to CHA's FY2013 Annual Plan, which can be found on CHA's website. If you do not have internet access, please contact CHA and we will be happy to provide you with a copy of the 2013 Annual Plan.</p>
2	Francine Washington	<p>1) FamilyWorks and private management contracts are up, are we working on new contracts for these services, there are no more options to renew.</p> <p>2) Why are we giving Growing Power a contract to do a garden at Altgeld if it will only last five months. We can't get a contract to do the CAC election, and we can't get a CAC budget. We are going back to rehab buildings we already rehabbed. What consultants are sitting at the table monitoring the procurement process?</p> <p>3) We have contractors that have been getting numerous contracts. If I have one contract for \$12 million, and you give me another contract for \$5 million after I tell you I don't have Section 3 - we have all these contractors, who is monitoring the Section 3 process now making sure these contractors are held accountable for Section 3? At the next meeting tell me how many Section 3 contractors have been hired?</p>	<p>1) For FamilyWorks providers CHA will begin the development of new requests for proposals for services for 2014. Concerning private property managers, CHA is currently in the second option year of three one-year options to the contract for private property managers. There is one remaining one-year option period in that contract available.</p> <p>2) The CHA has two auditors (Ernst &amp; Young and KPMG) currently auditing contract files.</p> <p>3) Pursuant to the Section 3 Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the CHA has identified a Section 3 Administrator, who will work with various departments within the CHA to ensure compliance with Section 3. There are currently 29 active Section 3 Business Concerns on contracts.</p>

3	Melissa Frazin	<p>I am concerned about the situation at Lathrop. I used to live in Roscoe Village and I managed volunteers at the Mary Crane Center. I have seen firsthand the impact of the first consolidation on residents, which was two years ago, and now you are asking them to move again, to Diversey, where there is little space. CHA is trying to make life as unbearable as possible for the remaining residents at Lathrop, so they move out of the development. The CHA is trying to ruin one of the most integrated public housing developments in Chicago. There are no other developments that come close to that level of racial integration. Lathrop Homes provides homes in an area with very high rents. There are already market rate units in the area, they don't need more. They are proposing that Lathrop becomes 45% market rate, 25% affordable and 30% public housing - that would make Lathrop Homes the public housing development with the least amount of public housing in the city. Lathrop Homes is located in a desirable neighborhood with amenities - how many other developments have this much access to amenities? One of the best things about Lathrop is how it is integrated with the community.</p>	<p>The CHA is working on a number of options that respond to the Local Advisory Council's (LAC) request for CHA to maintain occupancy at Lathrop so as not to force an emergency closure of the buildings or site. The CHA is working with residents to ensure efficiency and safety. The CHA/development team has not yet presented a final plan for Lathrop.</p>
4	Bobby Watkins	<p>I have been in Lathrop for 19 years, you have moved us from one side to the other, and now you want to board up the rowhouses, why would you make it look bad on both sides? We don't need to be consolidated. Why not keep at least one side open and if possible, move people into vacant buildings?</p>	<p>The CHA is working on a number of options that respond to the Local Advisory Council's (LAC) request for CHA to maintain occupancy at Lathrop so as not to force an emergency closure of the buildings or site. The CHA is working with residents to ensure efficiency and safety.</p>
5	Mary Thomas	<p>1) Good morning, I am a Lathrop Homes resident and a proud marine mom. We have had constant disruption in our lives at Lathrop, for me, this would be my third move for this consolidation. You said we had to move previously because of the heating system and you have used the same excuse again. To consolidate us again would be unreasonable. We need your help to maintain a decent quality of life.</p> <p>2) Mr. Woodyard, have you set a date to meet with the Lathrop residents, because we really want to meet with you. We think it's important that you come out and talk with us about the consolidation and we would appreciate it.</p>	<p>1) The CHA is working on a number of options that respond to the Local Advisory Council's (LAC) request for CHA to maintain occupancy at Lathrop so as not to force an emergency closure of the buildings or site. The CHA is working with residents to ensure efficiency and safety.</p> <p>2) The CEO has committed to meeting with Lathrop residents on the consolidation. Lathrop residents will be advised on the date of such meeting.</p>

6	Sally Hamann	<p>I don't live at Lathrop, but I have traveled by there for 34 years and it used to be a beautiful place. You all have let it get run down and I am really disappointed. It is historic and it used to be gorgeous and you have let it go to pieces, which is terrible to the people who live there. The people who live in my neighborhood, we live across the river. I am now in the 28th Precinct of the 1st Ward, Lathrop is in my precinct and I am taking a personal interest and I will be talking with all my neighbors about this and I will be telling them we need to keep the historic homes and we need to restore them - 50% affordable and 50% public housing. If you don't do that, you are hurting the whole community and it's a terrible thing if you let people build towers and create traffic congestion. You will be wasting tax payer money if you use TIF funds and don't use the historic tax credits, you'll be hurting my community.</p>	<p>There have been a series of community meetings, open houses, interviews and one-on-one discussions including residents since the planning process began. The CHA/Development team have heard concerns regarding historic preservation, affordability, minimizing disruptions, employment, sense of community, and education. The CHA understands those concerns and has worked to address those throughout concept development. The CHA/development team, however, has not yet presented a final plan for Lathrop.</p>
7	Byron Dickens	<p>1) I am speaking about some of the problems we see, like Section 3 businesses not getting any contracts. You are proposing construction contracts and residents aren't getting any work. CHA residents have a mandate that they need to do something (to be compliant with the work requirement). But we don't see residents going to work in the community. We need to see more residents going to work, more Section 3 businesses getting work. Instead, Urban League is getting money, City Colleges is getting money and it's not addressing the issues of residents going to work. There is no training. Let's not forget the 16-18 year olds for summer jobs, most of them, are getting kicked off the lease, especially the males.</p> <p>2) We see you have a Section 8 advisory board. We need an advisory board for the public housing residents living in mixed-income communities. We don't have a voice in mixed-income communities.</p>	<p>1) All residents interested in obtaining employment should work through their assigned service provider for all opportunities available. Vendors can register with CHA in BuySpeed (<a href="http://www.thecha.org/pages/buyspeed/115.php">http://www.thecha.org/pages/buyspeed/115.php</a>) and indicate if they are a small business or Section 3 business (which includes ROB). BuySpeed allows potential vendors to view open solicitations and download CHA bid opportunities. To stay updated with CHA's contract opportunities, please visit the following link: <a href="http://www.thecha.org/pages/open_solicitations/110.php">http://www.thecha.org/pages/open_solicitations/110.php</a>)</p> <p>To answer the second part of your first question, youth interested in summer opportunities should apply online now at <a href="http://www.onesummerchicago.org">www.onesummerchicago.org</a></p> <p>2) The CHA's Office of the Ombudsman works with mixed-income community public housing residents to understand their concerns.</p>

8	Queen Sister	<p>1) I stand in the spirit of three sisters who came before me, who I would like to acknowledge today: Marian Stamps, Beauty Turner and Bobbi Johnson, who we just lost. I am an urban cultural consultant. Everything I do is rooted in African culture. Nobody today has talked about the fact that black people are dying in the city, which stems from the issue of gentrification which started in 1999 - nobody wants to talk responsibility. We are about to see a sizzling summer season like we have never seen before - and it is not a rainbow, there is black blood flowing in these streets.</p> <p>2) I would like to know every member that sits on the Section 8 advisory board. I received four letters from housing, I am supposed to be on 35th and State. I was scheduled to meet with them for the same time that this meeting was scheduled. This was a priority. These are the residents in my community that I service. It is insulting for you to sit here and watch us as a people resort to a state of non-productiveness. I say to you, as a Board, I make moves that shake the ground of this town. I will not be removed from my home.</p>	<p>1) Your comment has been received</p> <p>2) As a general policy, CHA does not disseminate the names of public housing or HCV participants.</p>
9	Maxine Parson	<p>1) I live at 243 E. 32nd St in Lincoln Perry. On March 14, I received a letter telling me I need to transfer due to renovation of the building, in accordance with a town hall meeting on Feb. 7. The letter said you will be relocated to another unit within 243 or an available unit in another CHA building. The meetings have been postponed, these senior citizens are old, they need more time, they need more time than two weeks to move out of their apartments. They said they will send boxes to the building and that hasn't happened, they said they will help people move and I have no idea when that will be. This morning I heard it will be in the summer. In the meantime I am packing to leave. I am old and a breast cancer survivor, I don't want to have more cancer dealing with CHA. Please give us a date.</p>	<p>1) The CHA sent a letter to residents of Lincoln Perry Apartments on March 28th to inform them that the construction and relocation planned to start in April 2013 has been postponed. We also held a Town Hall meeting on April 11, 2013 to provide the most current information regarding the project to residents. Residents will be kept apprised of plans and any necessary relocations.</p>